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SUBJECT: OECD PRESS RELEASE RE LABOR MINISTERIAL

1. FOLLOWING IS OECD PRESS RELEASE ISSUED FEB. 17, 1976
CONCERNING LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT: OECD LABOR MINISTERS TO DISCUSS
CRITICAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION -

A) MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANPOWER AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS IN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TO MEET AT THE
ORGANIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS ON 4TH AND 5TH
MARCH 1976.

B) THIS FIRST MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL OF OECD'S
MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED
BY M. MICHEL DURAFOUR, MINISTER OF LABOR OF FRANCE.
THE THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN WILL BE THE HON. ROBERT K.
ANDRAS, P.C., M.P., MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRA-
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TION, CANADA; MR. CONSTANTINOS LASKARIS, MINISTER OF

LABOR,GREECE; AND MR. INGEMUND BENGTTSSON, MINISTER OF
LABOR, SWEDEN.

C) THE DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON THE CURRENT CRITICAL
EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE OECD AREA AND ON LONGER-
TERM EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS AS OECD COUNTRIES EMERGE FROM
THE PRESENT RECESSION. MINISTERS ARE LIKELY TO DISCUSS
IN PARTICULAR: MEASURES TO STIMULATE AND CREATE EM-
PLOYMENT; EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DIS-
ADVANTAGED; MIGRATION AND MANPOWER MOBILITY WITHIN OECD
COUNTRIES; AND MEASURES TO ACCOMPANY INCOME MAINTENANCE
WHICH WILL ASSIST THOSE OUT OF WORK TO RE-ENTER THE
LABOR MARKET.

D) MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE THEIR TWO-DAY
SESSION BY AGREEING ON A RECOMMENDATION FOR A GENERAL
EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER POLICY BASED ON THE OBJECTIVE
OF FULL EMPLOYMENT. M. DURAFOR WILL COMMENT ON THE
RESULTS OF THE MEETING IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY,
5TH MARCH, AT A TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.
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